



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1361

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING A DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) The Department of Children and
2 Families shall establish a differential response pilot program in one
3 office in one of the department's regional service areas. For purposes of
4 the pilot program, the department shall develop and use an
5 assessment standard to determine which reports of abuse and neglect
6 pursuant to section 17a-101g of the general statutes, require a full
7 investigation response and which reports may be referred to
8 community-based agencies for assessment and services. The standard
9 shall take into account the nature of the report and the level of risk to
10 the child. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 319a of the
11 general statutes, under the pilot program, department staff shall refer
12 low risk reports to community-based agencies for assessments and
13 services.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program under which Department of Children and Families staff are able to provide a different response to reports of abuse and neglect based on the allegation and the level of risk. To provide referrals of low risk cases to community-based agencies for services.

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